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(MACHINE TURNED OFF DURING FINAL READING OF LB774.)

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See page 1663-64 for record vote of LB774.

CLERK: Read LB863.

PRESIDENT: With clause attached. Thank you, Senator Snyder. What do we have on LB894?

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CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move to return LB894 to Select File to strike the enacting clause. Signed, Senator Stull.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stull for his motion on LB894. Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I want to move this bill back to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull has the floor.

SENATOR STULL: I went to the Attorney General's office yesterday with this bill and they assigned Mr. Packett to give me an informal opinion which he did and Senator DeCamp has indicated to you in the piece of paper that he's passed around the facts as I reported to him. I have no quarrel with that. But that doesn't change my opposition to this bill. Now, first of all, the first year they admit that he would have \$650,000 set aside for improvements. And they think through the years by making these improvements well they will increase the rental. Well, there's nothing.... or income to the state. There's nothing sure. They have really no basis to base their judgment on those figures. Now, another thing, if this bill was such a good bill, they wouldn't have had to lobby quite so hard on it. Now, I want to ask you this question. Does the Legislature want to put themselves in this position where they're setting up a fund at the disposal of the educational lands and funds board to spend as much as \$1½ million dollars each year for improvements? I think that that's real bad. I think that if this money is to be spent, the Legislature should appropriate. Now, they say they're going to spend this money to stop erosion. That's one thing. But it's my understanding this is already on the statutes and if a lease holder doesn't protect this land, why they can cancel his lease. I know what I would do if my tenant didn't take care of the land that he has. I would get one that would do it. Then they propose to go on and make further improvements. I would hope that the Legislature would support me in bringing this bill back to Select File to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator DeCamp and then Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I would waive to Senator Lewis first.